of the Pressler Amendment would have on Indo-US relations if this leads to transfer of frontline weapon system from the US to Pakistan, Government constantly monitor developments having a bearing on India's security and remain committed to take necessary steps to safeguard India's national interest.

दक्षिण अफ्रीका के साथ राजनयिक संबंध

1621. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने दक्षिणी अफ्रीका के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या निकट भविष्य में विदेश मंत्री द्वारा दक्षिण अफ्रीका का दौरा करने की संभावना है।

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) और (ख) दक्षिण अफ्रीका के विदेश मंत्री श्री आर॰ एफ॰ बोथा की हाल की भारत यात्रा के दौरान (21-22 नवम्बर, 1993) दोनों पक्षों के बीच राजनयिक एवं कौंसली संबंधों की स्थापना संबंधी प्रोतोकोलो पर हस्ताक्षर हुए थे।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

Steps Taken to Acquire Sophisticated Technologies

@1622. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of US policies on India's efforts to obtain sophisticated technolgies, any steps have been taken by Government to acquire the same from other countries; and

(b) if so, the outcome of such efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) The US and other Western countreis maintain controls on the export of sophisticated technologies and sensitive commodities to countries in the developing world. Government have repeatedly made known its objection to such adhoc technology-denial regimes. Government are committed to the indigenous development of sophisticated technologies which cannot be obtained from foreign sources.

Misappropriation of Funds of ICWA

1623. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken against the management of ICWA who has misappropriated the grant-in-aid of lakhs of rupees in 1986 received from Ministries of External Affairs and Human Resource Development; and

(b) whether it is a fact that on earlier occasion the External Affairs Ministry has stated in the House that Government have taken action against misappropriation of grant-in-aid by ICWA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) ICWA is an autonomous body and the Government is not associated with its functioning. However, complaints regarding its functioning continue to be received by Government.

(b) No such reference was made. The then Minister of State for External Affairs, on 5th September, 1990 while moving the Motion for consideration of the Indian Council of World Affairs Bill. 1990 had referred to financial and management problems in the Council with serious complaints being received by the Government.

Representation of Employees Regarding Taking over the Management of the Indian Council of World Affairs

1624. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are receiving representations from employees and scholars regarding their

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